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SUBJECT: KEY JUNTA FIGURES IN NORTH BROUGHT TO COURT

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1. ALL THESSALONIKI PAPERS JAN 30 REPORTED APPEARANCE PREVIOUS DAY BEFORE EXAMINER AND FIRST INSTANCE COURT JUDGE DIMITRIOS LAGOUNIDIS OF RETIRED COLONEL NICOLAOS GANDONAS AND RETIRED MGEN STEFANOS KARAMBERIS TO ANSWER CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON AND INSURGENCY ARISING FROM THEIR ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS OF APRIL 21, 1967. RETIRED MGEN SPYRIDON FRANGISKOS HAD APPEARED IN SAME COURT JAN 28 TO FACE IDENTICAL CHARGES. ALL ASKED AND RECEIVED TIME DELAY TO PREPARE DEPOSITIONS AND ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO COURT FEBRUARY 4.

2. GANDONAS HELD POSITIONS UNDER PAPADOPOULOS REGIME OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF NORTHERN GREECE, UNDER SECRETARY AND GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN MACEDONIA, AND, UNTIL FORMATION OF MARKEZINIS GOVERNMENT IN FALL OF 1973, MINISTER OF EDUCATION. KARAMBERIS WAS COMMANDER OF CENTRAL INFORMATION AGENCY (KYP) IN NORTHERN GREECE, AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF "C" CORPS IN THESSALONIKI, IN
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WHICH POSITIONS HE WAS REPUTED (PROBABLY CORRECTLY) TO

BE PAPADOPOULOS' EMINENCE GRISE IN MACEDONIA AND THRACE, AND, FROM JULY 1973 UNTIL IOANNIDIS TAKE-OVER, COMMANDER OF SIXTH DIVISION IN KILKIS. BOTH GANDONAS AND KARAMBERIS WERE KNOWN AS CLOSE COHORTS OF PAPADOPOULOS, AND HIS COMPANIONS DURING FREQUENT HUNTING AND OTHER FORAYS IN NORTHERN GREECE. FRANGISKOS SERVED AS MILITARY COMMANDER OF THESSALONIKI AND, AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, AS DIRECTOR OF THE THESSALONIKI PORT.

3. ELLINIKOS VORRAS REPORTS TODAY THAT INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE VOLTIS (REFTEL) HAS INSTRUCTED EXAMINER LAGOUMIDIS TO CALL IN AN UNSPECIFIED ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN THIS AREA ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN MILITARY COUP. PRESS SPECULATES THAT THREE NOW BEFORE LOCAL BAR EXPECTED TO FOLLOW SAME GENERAL LINES AS KEA FIVE AND SUBMIT DEPOSITIONS EXPLAINING THEIR CASES.

4. INTERESTING SIDELIGHT IS THAT GANDONAS AND KARAMBERIS HAVE RETAINED AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE LAWYER ATHANASSIOS DIALYNAS, WHO IS NOT VERY FONDLY REMEMBERED LOCALLY AS DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR THESSALONIKI POLICE OFFICERS IN THE 1963 LAMBRAKIS ("Z") CASE.
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